

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ADVISOR AWARD PROGRAM

The 1997 Convention established the National Outstanding Advisor Award, given initially in 1994, then evaluated during a three-year trial. The objective of the award, which includes a plaque, \$1,000, and \$1,000 in the name of the winner to the dean's discretionary fund, is to recognize outstanding performance among the chapter advisors of Tau Beta Pi.

Chapters may recommend one advisor for the award based upon his or her contributions. A nominating committee from the chapter, excluding but in consultation with the advisor-nominee, should prepare the nomination material and send it to the Secretary-Treasurer by March 21.

The following material should be sent **in triplicate** (elaborate presentations are discouraged; nomination packets will not be returned unless requested):

- 1) A letter of nomination from the chapter which specifies the manner in which the nominee has fulfilled, with sustained excellence (for a minimum of three years), the role of advisor, consistent with the mission of Tau Beta Pi. The letter must be signed by **each** member of the Advisory Board, excepting the nominee.
- 2) A letter from the dean of engineering, supporting the nomination and addressing the closeness of the interaction of the chapter's advisor-nominee with the administration, on behalf of the chapter.
- 3) A letter from a District Director, supporting the nomination and addressing the closeness of the interaction of the chapter's advisor-nominee with the District Program.
- 4) A one-to-three-page description of the contributions of the nominee to the chapter. This should address the manner in which the advisor-nominee fulfills the position in support of the mission of Tau Beta Pi.
- 5) A resume of the advisor-nominee, not to exceed three pages.

The award can not be received more often than once every four years.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Through the interest and generosity of Cyril C. Young, *Illinois Alpha '24*, an endowment fund was established in 1992 to make money available to student members of Illinois Alpha and other Tau Beta Pi chapters who would otherwise be without sufficient financial resources to remain in college. Repayment is not required, no interest is charged on the financial aid provided, which is paid to the student(s) in either monthly installments during the school year of approximately \$100 or a single lump-sum payment, and grantees are requested to help others in need should they become financially secure. Each student is limited to \$1,000 in aid.

The Tau Beta Pi Association will provide the special, personalized assistance, so far as fund earnings permit. Application for special assistance funds must be made in a letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer, witnessed by the chapter president and treasurer and by one chapter advisor. Selection of the student(s) will be made in a prudent way consistent with Tau Beta Pi policies. The Secretary-Treasurer will recommend selections to the President of the Association who shall approve or disapprove each application.